

the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within a specified number of days.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of a draft EIS must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions [*Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978)]. Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft EIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts [*City of Angoon v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980)]. Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this process participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

In the final EIS, the Forest Service is required to respond to substantive comments received during the comment period for the draft and supplemental draft EIS's. The Forest Service is the lead agency and the responsible official is the Forest Supervisor, Angeles National Forest. The responsible official will decide whether and how to issue Special Use authorizations for the proposed project or alternatives. The responsible official will also decide how to mitigate impacts of these actions and will determine when and how monitoring of effects will take place.

The Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project decision and the reasons for the decision will be documented in the record of decision. That decision will be subject to Forest Service Appeal Regulations (35 CFR part 215).

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

**Date:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m., times may be adjusted).

**Location:** Jack Morton Auditorium, Media and Public Affairs Building, George Washington University, 805 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20052.

Please note that this is the anticipated agenda and is subject to change.

**Keynote:** The Administrator will present an update from the front office of USAID, presenting his vision of USAID's role in the development world, plus an update on the Haiti humanitarian efforts.

The primary focus of the meeting will be on development partnerships and what USAID can do better in working with its development partners. There will be a panel discussion on this topic.

**Stakeholders.** The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting can register online at [http://www.usaid.gov/about\\_usaid/acvfa](http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa) or with Ben Hubbard at [bhubbard@usaid.gov](mailto:bhubbard@usaid.gov) or 202-712-4040.

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Request for Public Comment on a Commercial Availability Request Under the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement

February 2, 2010.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Request for public comments concerning a request for modification of the U.S.-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (USSFTA) rules of origin for certain apparel articles

**SUMMARY:** On October 29, 2008, the Government of the United States received a request from the Government of Singapore for consultations under Article 3.18.4(a)(i) of the USSFTA. Singapore is seeking agreement to revise the rules of origin for certain apparel articles to address availability of supply

of certain fabrics in the territories of the Parties. The President may proclaim a modification to the USSFTA rules of origin for textile and apparel products after reaching an agreement with the Government of Singapore on the modification. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether certain fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be submitted by March 10, 2010 to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Bennett, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 202(o)(2) of the United States—Singapore Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3805 note) (USSFTA Implementation Act); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

### Background

Under the USSFTA, the Parties are required to progressively eliminate customs duties on originating goods. *See* Article 2.2. The USSFTA provides that, after consultations, the Parties may agree to revise the rules of origin for textile and apparel products to address issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the free trade area. *See* Article 3.18.4. In the consultations, each Party must consider data presented by the other party showing substantial production in its territory of the particular good. Substantial production has been shown if domestic producers are capable of supplying commercial quantities of the good in a timely manner. *See* Article 3.18.4.

The USSFTA Implementation Act provides the President with the authority to proclaim modifications to the USSFTA rules of origin as are necessary to implement the Agreement after complying with the consultation and layover requirements of Section 103 of the USSFTA Implementation Act. *See* Section 202(o)(2). Executive Order 11651 established CITA to supervise the implementation of textile trade agreements and authorizes the Chairman of CITA to take actions or recommend that the United States take actions necessary to implement textile trade agreements. 37 FR 4699 (March 4, 1972).

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